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February 5, 2003

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Commission Secretary,
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
CY-B402
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Proceeding 03-16

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing in support of SBC Ameritech Michigan's entry into long distance in Michigan. I applaud the role of the Michigan Public Service Commission in helping to open the state's local telephone market to competition.

It is clear to all in Michigan that the local market is wide open to competition. Competition has tripled since 2000, according to the MPSC Market Conditions report. Price competition for local service is saving Michigan consumers money. I believe Michigan residents should have the same benefits for long distance competition and have a choice for one-stop shopping.

I support SBC's application to compete for long distance customers in Michigan because all telephone companies should be able to compete for all customers. Other states are already experiencing full competition, and consumers are cashing in on the competitive offers. Increased competition in Michigan will bring higher quality and more innovative products and services that save consumers money.

SBC has maintained a high level of commitment to the state of Michigan and continues investing in its employees and its Michigan infrastructure. Allowing SBC to enter the long distance market will benefit our state's telecommunications industry and increase competition, making consumers the ultimate winners.

I encourage the Federal Communications Commission to support SBC's application for providing long distance service in Michigan. The sooner SBC begins competing for long distance customers, the sooner Michigan residents can enjoy lower phone bills, one-stop shopping and the freedom to make more choices.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie Dennis".

Julie Dennis